

Please replace the abstract as amended below:

ABSTRACT

A packaging machine, ~~with a displacement unit with a running packaging item support arranged on the displacement unit~~ in which a plurality of packaging trays are thermoformed in a base film, which is conveyed along the packaging machine, the packaging machine trays are filled with package content and then sealed with a lidding film, the packaging machine includes a punching machine, a sealing station and/or a transverse cutter, which are displaceable in or contrary to the conveying direction of the film, wherein a packaging item support means is co-travelling with the punching machine, a sealing station and/or a transverse cutter and is arranged on the punching machine, a sealing station and/or a transverse cutter between two packaging trays to avoid sagging of the base film.